## TANAGERS WHO TRADE MEN THEY HAVEN'T GOT WOULD MAKE GOOD IN WALL STREET LEAGUE

#### CUMORED DEALS ARE THE TYPE OF TRANSACTIONS WHICH WILL PROVE MENACE TO ORGANIZED BASEBALL

Trading Players Who Are "Holdouts" a Practice Which Should Be Legislated Out of Existence as Dangerous and Illogical.

THE sensational story which leaked out of the Phillies' training camp, to the will rid the Philadelphia club of a trio of hold-outs and bring Wheat, Hornsby and filler to Broad and Huntingdon streets may or may not be true, and for the good seball it is to be hoped that the latter construction is the correct one. On the face of it the deals would probably strengthen Moran's team on the ball field, but they would also serve to destroy the morale of the Phils as well as every other team right at a time when the owners are making a determined effort to re-establish the proper sort of discipline and relationship between magnates and players. Stock, Niehoff and Whitted are persistent hold-outs—so is Wheat—and it is ridiculous for a manager or owner to talk of trading them, for the very good reason that they haven't got them to trade. All they can do is to turn over an option on their services, and it will then be up to the holder of such options to come to an agreement with the players. There is no reason for believing that the three rebellious Phils would come to terms any quicker with Ebbets or the St. Louis management than with President Baker, and if the deal is made it may be concluded that the salary demands of all three will be met. As far as Wheat is concerned, it is known that he has been anxious to get away from Brooklyn for some time and would probably be willing to accept a smaller sum from the Phillies than he is holding out for at present.

Is there a chance that the magnates do not realize what an effect such a deal will have have on the future relations between magnate and player? The spectacle of the three hold-outs forcing their owners to trade them to a club which is willing to meet their salary demands will convince the players that there is some virtue in the hold-up scheme after all.

THE practice of trading dissatisfied players, particularly if they be stars. is a pernicious one and should be legislated out of existence as soon as

Deals Would Mean Loosening of the Purse Strings IF PRESIDENT BAKER is contemplating the two deals it is evident that he intends to dig a little deeper for baseball talent than was supposed, for it will cost approximately \$3000 more per year to carry Wheat, Miller and Hornsby than It would to meet the demands of Stock, Niehoff and Whitted. Hornsby has a contract calling for \$5500 per annum and Miller one for \$5000. Wheat is holding out for \$6000, which makes a total of \$16,500. On the other hand, Stock wants \$4000, Whitted \$5500 and Niehoff \$3800, making a total of \$13,300. Wheat, however, would probably be willing to compromise on a smaller salary if given a chance to get away from Brooklyn, but he certainly would not be willing to accept a very large cut. On the other hand, it is likely that Whitted would be willing to cut off a few hundreds if Mr. Baker would compromise.

St. Louis is a town dreaded by ball players because of the climatic conditions and it is scarcely likely that Stock and Niehoff would play there for less money than they would right here in Philadelphia. On the contrary, both men would probably demand more money of the St. Louis club than they are asking of the Phillies. The same thing holds good for Whitied, who has an antipathy for Brooklyn and has so expressed himself many times.

LL of which is true if the three clubs concerned are really in earnest Aabout the matter. As idle talk it may serve its purpose of scaring the trio of Philadelphia hold-outs.

The Deal From a Practical Baseball Angle

SIMPLY considering the suggested deals from the angle of the ball field, it is evident that the exchange would strengthen the Phillies. Whitted is a great ball player, but he cannot hit as well as Wheat, and it is batting strength that the Phillies are after. Whether or not Wheat can cover the same amount of ground as Whitted is a matter of opinion. In the comparatively small left field at Broad and Huntingdon streets, however, Wheat would be just as effective as Whitted. even though he be a triffe slower, which is not admitted by all. Just how Moran would juggle his infield were the deals made is not known, but his aggregate strength with Hornsby and Miller would be greater than it is at present. Hornsby is one of the most sensational youngsters who have broken into fast company in a decade. He is a .200 hitter, and so is Miller-who, by the way, would welcome the chance to get out of St. Louis.

THE deal with St. Louis might be popular with the fans here, but it would probably cause considerable trouble in St. Louis, where Hornsby is something of an idol and is generally looked upon as a herald of better things in the Mount City.

#### Storm Clouds Gather Over Heads of Two Cornell Stars

T 18 reported in athletic circles on reliable authority that Yale University athletic officials have been quietly preparing for the last month to lodge a formal protest with the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. against two of Cornell's track stars. Linus V. Windnagle and Alma Richards. Yale, according to the report, will shortly call the attention of the governing body of college track athletics to the fact that both Windnagle and Richards took part in intercollegiate competition before they entered Cornell and are, therefore, ineligible for further I. A. A. A. Competition Windnagle, it is said, ran for a small college in Oregon and is still credited with the mile record for the northwest territory. Evidence to this effect is in possession of a man in Providence, R. L. who is reported to be willing to turn it over to the I. A. A. A. A. if it is wanted. The case against Richards is well known to all well-posted athletic enthusiasts. The Olympic high-jump champion competed for Brigham Young University before he went to the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912. Richards says that his athletic activities in Brigham Young University were confined to the preparatory school department, but this apparent technical phase of the situation will be decided by the I. A. A. A. A. executive committee should the alleged protest against Richards and Windnagle come to a head.

The importance of Yale's action against the two surest point scorers on Jack Moakley's string is obvious. Should Richards and Windnagle be declared ineligible for another year of I. A. A. A. A. competition, not only will the entire outlook for the f. A. A. A. A. outdoor championships at Franklin Field on May 26 be changed but the executive commissee also may make the disbarment retroactive and alter the results in which Windnagle and Richards figured at the recent indoor championships of the Intercollegiate Association held here.

#### Thirty-three Candidates for Mack's Infield

THE arrival of the combined forces of the Athletics has aroused great interest among the sportsmen south of the Mason and Dixon Line. Persons in this section are just as anxious to watch the development of Mack's new infield as the fans are who are still wearing ear muffs and woolens. If quantity counts for anything, the elongated manager will have an infield that will partly make up for the destruction of the once famous \$100,000 combination. This, however, will be a matter of time. There are thirty-three candidates expected. Those who have seen Ray Bates, the new aspirant for third base, perform consider him to be of the caliber that will fill up a bad hole left by the departure of one Frank Baker Bates has had a taste of big league action, having been under the unsettled regime of Joe Birmingham at Cleveland in 1913. Last year young Bates played third base for the Vernon club, of the Coast League. He is a citizen of Paterson, N. J. and not from the Pacific coast, as was announced. In fact, Bates is well known throughout the semiprofessional ranks of the Middle Atlantic States. He is twenty-six years of age, and it is about time that he was reaching a fair road to success. The third sacker has been shifted around considerably, and it is thought that by the time Connie Mack works with him a few months a good steady third sacker will be among those present at Shibe Park.

AT THE present time the new member is carrying some extra flesh, tipping the scales at 185. He stands six feet one-half inch in height and possesses a good pair of hands. He appears to have pienty of nerve and ambition. Those who have seen him play predict that he will bolster Connie's infield at least twenty-five per cent. This will mean a great deal if Grover or Lawry come through for the keystone sack, with Witt being almost a fixture at short.

#### Interclub Tennis Matches Better in May

TOR many years the Interclub Tennis League played its matches in May. The schedule opened the second Tuesday and was completed by the end of the month. The effect of this was to make the league matches the finishing touch for the men played through the five straight weeks of tournament play in June and July. Last season the Interclub matches were played in July and August and, in fact, were not completed until late in October, when Germantown played off a posted match with Cynwyd. The whole season was one of postponed matches, nt stars and second-string teams. The cause of this was mainly the fact that o many of the regular players were away at other tournaments or on their vacaions. This year there is a movement for putting the matches back in May. It muld be one of the wisest moves possible, for all the stars are keen in the early n and would go out of their way to play, when later they would be thinking of the bigger events on the circuit.

Unfortunately, the two greatest players that the Interclub could boast of in an years will not be in competition in 1917. Richard N. Williams is in business coston and will in the future play from the Longwood Club, of that city, while its Dayle, one of the most popular tennis players Philadelphia has ever had, left the University of Pennsylvania and returned to his home on the Pacific To offset these losses is the possibility of having G. Colket Caner and the Region playing regularly, while all the old stand-bys will again be in action.

#### HEAT MAKES HIM HOLDOUT



Harry Weiser, known as Bud, has refused to report to the Little Rock club because he fears the South's heat. Weiser, with Ben Tincup, was obtained by the Little Rock team in a deal for Ernie Walker.

#### IN MARCH THE KID LOOKED GREAT— VET LIMP; BUT WHO HITS THE PILL IN JUNE? EGAD, THE KID'S IN STILL

"Still" Meaning "Yet"-For Many Times the Kid Even Looks "Better Still"-Limiting Distance of Forward Pass in Football'd Be Faux Pas

> By GRANTLAND RICE You Can't Always Tell

In March the Kid looked great While the veteran's arm was sore; The Kid slid into the plate For many a practice score; While the Vet had to limp around, Waiting a warmer sun, Covering a little ground, Scoring hardly a run.

In March the Kid was there With many a robust clout, All fifteen ways to spare, While the Vet looked down and out; But when June brought its thrill, Who held the first-line trench? The Kid looked better still. While the Vet was on the bench.

has ever known since

encroach

Proof that the golf stroke is a bad thing

for baseball batting is shown by the list of

ball players who play golf. Look how the

Scotch game wrecked Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb and Eddie Collins! No wonder big league managers tastist upon suppressing Doc Bogey's strenic call!

Those accustomed to insist how badly Miss Bjurstedt could have beaten Miss Sut-

ton-Mrs. Bundy-are now at liberty to re-

vise their estimate under the cold and piti-less glare of the records, where the great

less glare of the records, where the area.

Norwegian player has a matter of one victory out of five starts and at a time when Mrs. Bundy is hardly the player that Miss Sutton was at the top of her younger

Spring Song

"Over the hills and far away—
Where the pits are deep and the traps

And the bunker waits for the flubbed approach:
Where the duffer rages and tears his hair

As a wild curse rings on the balmy air; Where the sore heart bleeds and the soul is

Spurwood

Just out!

Suits or Overcoats

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As the golfer foosles a two-foot putt."

What have the winds of spring to say-

THE Rule Mandarins of football gather on Friday, but there are no important changes in sight. The present game has grown in such favor among both players and spectators that no risk will be run in the way of scrambling up a successful sittation.

Jackson is the only balt players in the care to the front in 1915 and 1916.

uation.

Foster Sanford, the emipent instructor game who ever batted over 400 his first complete year under the Big Tent. His debut the distance of the forward pass in its was set at 408—well beyond any mark he the distance of the forward pass in its campaign of frightfulness. Such a change would work toward removing a hardship from the secondary defense, but in other ways would lead to numberless compilea-

When a limit is put upon distance, a tan-gle is sure to result. The forward pass, in our opinion, should either be unrestricted or abolished. And it shouldn't be abolished.

#### Brooklyn Enters a Rebuttal

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Dear Sir—This talk about the Giants having the pennant race sewed up gives me indigestion. Pennant races, in the main, are decided by pitching power. Last season the Red Sox lost Tris Speaker and had Jack Barry out at the most critical point of the year; but with Ruth, Shore, Leonard, Mays and Foster they won the pennant by a larger margin than the year before. Why? Because they had the pitching. Brooklyn, a larger margin than the year before. Why?
Because they had the pitching. Brooklyn,
with Pfeffer. Marquard. Cheney, Coombs.
Sherrod. Smith and others, has a much
better pitching staff than Tesreau. Schupp.
Benton, Perritt, etc.—a much more dependable staff. That is where Brooklyn will
again beat out New York. Wait for the
finish. DODGERVILLE.

We hope-if Pate and Destiny will kindly

#### Coming and Going

Sir-Which do you think is the better story-Samuel Hopkins Adams in Collier's called "Enter Darcy" or Governor Whit-man's snappy sequel, "Exit Darcy"? PLATO PETE.

Along about the 27th of July or early August there will be one or two depressed cities insisting that their ball clubs put in the afternoon drilling in place of the accustomed program.

H. L. G.—Speaker and Jackson have sen big league rivals for six seasons—

#### Rookies and Regulars

Marlin, Tex.—Benny Kauff decided to continue baseball today. He pried off a home run and contributed to the Glants' 15 to 2 victory over Dallas at Marlin.

Dallas at Marlin.

Macon, Ga.—Bill Plercy, rookie pitcher with the Yankees, is being picked as one of the new men Bill Donovan will take back to New York as a regular.

Hot Springs, Ark.—When Jake Daubert drags into the Dodger camp, according to reports here, the National League champions will start learning how to be soldiers. Hot Springs, Ark.—Duffy Lewis and Harry Hooper are today en route here. President Frazee received wires to this effect.

Miami, Fla.—The Braves and Seminoles will have it out again here today. The Braves wor yesterday, 11 to 6.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—The Whits Sox will splin twain Friday. Kid Gleason will barnstorn Texas with the second squad and Manage Rowland with the first.

Columbus, O.—Skipper Callahan, of the Pirat-rew, will begin today the construction of a lifer new inner circuit of defense. The first ractive game of the season this afternoon will Bill Hinchman on first for the regulars and at second, Ward at short and Warne

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### McGAFFIGAN, NEW PHILLY PLAYER, WAS TEACHER AT COUNTRY SCHOOL

Infield Recruit Is No Youngster-Has Been in Minors for Six

CARLYLE, Ill., March 14.

IF QUAKER CITY scribes are seeking a nickname for Mark A McGaffigan, new Moran infielder, who played with Vernon last year, then can, with truth, call him either the schoolmaster or the pedagogue, for hefore he started to play professional ball he taught in a country school for three years in Clinton County, this State.

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McGaffigan, who can hardly be called a youngster, since he is on his way to his twenty-ninth year, was born here, where his twenty-ninth year, was born here, where his father is a prominent attorney. He started to play professionally with Feoria in 1911, one of his teammates there being Bob Veach, of Detroit. Released by Peoria, McGaffigan went to Decatur, then to Pekin (in the Hilmois-Missouri League, not in China), then to Keokuk, then to Lincoln and then to Vernan. then to Vernon.

During his six-year stay in the minors the highest batting credit Schoolmaster Mark accumulated was 282. This was made during his second year with Lincoln, in 1915. For all the time McGaffigan has been on the small-time circuits his average is 263. He has been in 717 games, has stolen 225 bases and has laid down or raised 176 sacrifices. McGaffigan is extremely fast. Mark McGaffigan's Record

for Six Years in Minors G. AB R BH. SH. SB.P.C. .... 717 2573 390 677 176 225 .263

on the track as well as in baseball. He also is a tennis player of note. He weighs 140 pounds and stands five feet eight inches

McGaffigan's birth date is September 12. That also is the birth date of Captain Fred Luderus, of the Phillies.

VON KOLNITZ RETIRES FROM BASEBALL FIELD

CHICAGO. March 14.—Alfred von Kol-nitz, utility infielder with the Chicago Americans, has notified Manager Rowland that he has retired from the game. Von Kolnitz is engaged in business in Raleigh, N. C. He was purchased from the Cincin-val Nationals.

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## CORNELL RULES ATHLETES ELIGIBLE

Richards and Windnagle Defended by Faculty Committee

NOT UNDER 3-YEAR RULE

ITHACA, N. Y., March 14. - Alma W. Richards, Olympic champion in the running high jump, and Linus Vere Windnage, h. tercollegiate one-mil champion, two Cornel athletes who are among the greatest no performing in varsity ranks, were ruled elperforming in varsity ranks, were ruled engible to represent the Big Red team the year on the track, despite the rumor that the men will be called before the Interologiate A. A. A. A. to show cause why they should not be barred. The men are accused in many quarters of having competed mon than three years and therefore of being ineligible. The Cornell faculty committee on student affairs last night ruled that the two men were eligible. Graduate Manager G. E. Kent gave out this statement:

"Several inquiries have reached us as to the status of Richards and Windingle. The committee on student affairs has reviewed the cases of both carefully, and, after a study of all the facts, has come to conclusion that both men are eligible to compete for Cornell in athletics under our rules."



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